

LOCALS and PERSONALS

Mr. Charles Springer spent Friday in Cimarron.

Grading for baseball grounds was started on Saturday.

Mr. Fred Brooks spent Wednesday in Raton on business.

Mr. M. McNeil of St. Louis spent several days in Cimarron.

Mr. G. N. Black, C. E., went to Raton on business Saturday.

and expects his horse in from his brother's ranch in a few days.

The Townsite company expect to move their new offices the coming week.

January 26.—Polo practice was indulged in today with very good results.

Mrs. J. R. Cunningham of Springer spent several days visiting Mrs. O. H. Colgrove.

Mr. A. Elliot of Chicago has accepted the position of bookkeeper at the Uracca ranch.

The Boyd brothers have purchased several choice lots and intend to put up a cottage at once.

About as cute a little pet as could be found arrived in Cimarron this week in the shape of a "Baby Bill" goat.

The Record cottage is now nearing completion. About a week more time will enable Mr. and Mrs. Record to move.

Mr. Fred Brooks of the Cimarron Mercantile company has taken charge of a branch of the Empire Laundry of Raton.

Actual work in laying water mains have begun in Cimarron and no doubt within sixty days water works will be installed.

It is reported that the Cimarron school is flourishing, everybody is progressing rapidly, and, without the aid of "Carnegie spelling", too.

Cottages, rooms, tents, etc., in fact everything that could be utilized to live in, are about as scarce as hen's teeth in Cimarron at the present time.

Brief Territorial and General News Notes

Almost three hundred fatal cases of small pox and other contagious diseases is the record in Chicago for the past three weeks, and thousands of people are leaving the city by the lake and going to southern climates.

The Missouri legislature has passed an anti-cigarette law which makes it a misdemeanor to make and sell or give away cigarettes, or cigaret papers. The law is similar to the Indiana statute on the cigaret question. The Indiana law has been in successful operation for some time and has had the desired effect on the cigaret business.

Mexican troops have succeeded in getting a general engagement with the Yaquis in Sonora, near Guaymas, Mex., and as a result, a large number of troopers and Indians were killed. A number of fights have occurred recently, between Mexican troops and the Indians and it is the determination of the Mexican government to carry the war to the absolute extermination of the Indians.

A bill is pending in congress which if passed will abolish all the pension agencies in the United States, except the central office at Washington, and all business will be transacted there.

Ex-Secretary of War Russell A. Alger died suddenly at his home in Washington on Jan. 24.

Joint resolution No. 2, adopted by the territorial legislature provides that there be no county division bills taken up, by either house before March 11.

Bert Seely, an Arizona cowboy in a fight with Yaqui laborers on the Southern Pacific, killed six of the Indians with his six-shooter.

Mrs. Oscar Troy, who has been spending the winter in Los Angeles, California for her health, is seriously ill. A telegram calling Mr. Troy to her bedside was received Friday

Preparations are being made for the usual dance to be given on February 22nd. A fine time will, and more of it, be the event of the evening.

Mr. C. H. Colgrove returned Wednesday from a week's absence which he spent in Colorado, taking in Denver, Cripple Creek, and other mining towns.

Mr. J. S. Thompson has purchased several choice lots and is already hauling material for his new home. He expects to rush the work through as fast as possible.

Dr. Walker is having a barn built Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Webster left Wednesday for the east. Mrs. Webster going to Denver while Mr. Webster will go to Chicago on business.

Cimarron is to have a baseball team. The team is nearly organized and outfit has been sent for. Surrounding towns may expect to be challenged very soon (if the nice weather lasts.)

The reservoir site for supplying water for Cimarron has been surveyed, also the pipe line which will be about seven and one-half miles long, and work will soon be commenced. The water company expect to have water in Cimarron within 60 days. The reservoir will have a capacity of about 35,000,000 cubic feet.

On Friday evening a very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Records. Dancing was indulged in the greater part of the evening, a large number of choice selections on the phonograph were discoursed and excellent refreshments completed the usual good time at the home of the "Records." The following people were present: Mr. D. B. Cole, Chas. Loman, Geo. McLellan, Dr. Walker, Robert Thomson, Neil Comley, Miss M. Cavanaugh, Miss Logan, May Peden, Mr. A. Peden, Lucy Edwards, Mr. M. McNeil, Mr. and Mrs. Griebel. All reported an excellent time.

A rather heavy fog with a little frost spread a white mantle over the town for a couple of days, but the beautiful weather graciously received at Cimarron has again cleared up the atmosphere and brings the people out of doors as usual.

Thousands of people along the Ohio river are homeless owing to the prevailing high water. Indications point to a stage of at least 55 feet for the river at Cincinnati, making this the greatest flood since February, 1884.

Representative Clark of Florida has introduced a bill in congress directing the president to sell the Philippines to Japan or any power which will pay enough to reimburse America for the expenditure there.

The artesian well plant at Deming started Monday and the large \$4,200 well drill put into operation. Everything is ready to commence sinking the shaft into the ground and when the work is once started nothing will be allowed to interfere with the process of drilling.

The sum of \$8,000 was raised by the citizens of Deming to buy and operate the drilling plant and an equal amount was subscribed by E. E. Burdick, one of the wealthiest men in that part of the country. Over \$8,000 has been expended in installing the plant which consists of the well drill, a tower 92 feet high and two carloads of pipe.

Following the resignation of Chairman Shouts of the Isthmian canal commission, the office of chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian canal commission will be combined and Chief Engineer Stevens will be given the appointment with the understanding that he maintain his permanent residence upon the Isthmus. The resignation of Chairman Shouts will be accompanied by his resignation as president of the Panama Railroad company. Mr. Shouts will become president of the Interborough Metropolitan Railroad company, which controls the rapid transit and many of the surface lines of New York City.

morning, he was notified while at the ranch. Preparation for an immediate departure was made and Mr. Troy will make as rapid a trip as the delayed train service will permit.

"FARMER COBURN" ON ALFALFA.

If you have so much as two acres of land and a cow, you need to raise alfalfa. If you have more land and more live stock, your need for it is all the greater, because it is the most productive, nutritious and profitable forage crop known. It has no peer and no rival.

If you have been persuaded that it will not grow in your neighborhood or your state, don't believe it; you can't afford to accept any such dictum. Try it faithfully for yourself for ten years and reach your own conclusions instead of taking those of some one else second-hand. If it fails the reflection is likely to be on you rather than on the alfalfa.

There are really few soils or localities in any agricultural region, east or west, where alfalfa will not prosper if decently treated. Only those who don't know alfalfa, are incredulous about it. Those who know it best are the ones who swear by it, and plant more.

If you haven't time or inclination to put your seed bed in the finest possible tilth before sowing, smooth and fine on top, somewhat compacted—not mellow—below, and free from weed seeds, don't bother with alfalfa.

No matter where you are or what your soil conditions, success cannot come except good seed is used. Much of that on the market especially imported seed, has been adulterated or is so mixed with weed seeds that it would be dear as a gift. This means it is safe to buy seed only of a reputable dealer whose name and guarantee stands for something. Get samples early, grown as nearly in your own latitude as possible, and test them; if more than ten per cent fails to grow, don't buy it; something is wrong. Nothing is more expensive than "cheap" seed, and choice seed—the only kind worth sowing—always commands a good price.

Sow, without a nurse crop, twenty pounds to the acre, broadcast or with a drill; cover not less than an inch deep and keep live stock from grazing it for two years; when small it is very tender and easily destroyed. If the plants do not look thrifty, or weeds spring up, use the mower. The mowing machine is alfalfa's great tonic, and after the first year the disc harrow used two or three times in a season is a wonderful invigorant.

Cut for hay when blossoms begin to appear. It is never so valuable later. Don't let it get wet, nor burnt by too much hot sun. Save every leaf possible.

Don't plant too many acres at first. If you think ten is about right, sow five; if twenty is your figure, try ten. Start right, go slow and feel your way. A good patch of well set alfalfa is a perpetual joy and a perennial profit bringer; a poor one is an aggravation.

F. D. COBURN.

VISITED IN SANTA FE.

District Attorney J. Leahy, of Raton, reached the city Tuesday evening on business connected with the B. P. O. Elks lodge in this city, he being the district deputy of this order for New Mexico. He attended the meeting of Santa Fe Lodge No. 600, Wednesday night and acted in his official capacity. The new ritual adopted at the last session of the grand lodge of Elks was put into force and two candidates were received into the order.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Colfax County Man in Kansas City

A. E. Letten of Raton, N. M., who had a string of cattle in yesterday's market, is a native Missourian, who has been a cattle operator on the plains for almost 40 years. Mr. Letten was raised near Odessa, Mo., but when a mere boy drifted out toward the Southwest, where he has remained. He is an old friend and patron of the Kansas City market. There is a good demand down in that country," said Mr. Letten, "for steers. They are being bought up wherever they can be found. There seems to be a cutting down of cattle in the ranges. The opening up of some settlements, and the increased demand at home for beef at the big and other mining districts, take a good many more cattle than the former years. If this demand keeps on growing, and the number of cattle continues to decrease, they are sure to become higher priced. This winter we have an abundance of feed to carry through the winter all the cattle that we have."

The office of the Raton Reporter will be moved in a short time from its present location in Beringer Hall to the second street corner basement of the new Roth building. Mr. Beringer will extend the space of his printing plant to fill the space which has been occupied by the Reporter plant.

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